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Fortieth Spring Session of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association held with the church at Lawyers Spring, Anson county, N. C., Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1924. Also of the Ninety-Second Annual or Fall Session held with the church at Meadow Creek, Stanly county, N. C., Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1924..

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS SPRING SESSION, 1924

Lawyers Spring Church, Anson County, N. C.
Saturday, May 3, 1924.

Assembled in the house at 11 a. m., and the Introductory Sermon preached by Elder B. L. Treece. Text 11 verse of 9 Chapter of Psalms. Intermission one hour for dinner. Then at 1:30 p. m. the Moderator called the assembly to order and requested Elder J. R. Wilson to conduct song and prayer service, which he did. The Moderator then proceeded in our usual order as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches, which were read in alphabetical order by H. M. Baucom, Reading Clerk.
2. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards Moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.
3. Invited messengers from Sister Corresponding associations to seats. None present, but received several files of minutes which were distributed.
4. Invited visiting ministers, brethren and sisters of sister associations to seats. The following present and seated: Silver Creek—Elder H. M. Williams and Brothers T. H. and W. A. Bentley. From Yellow River of Ga.: Elder Lee Hanks. From Lots Creek: Elders H. B. Wilkerson and M. L. Riner. From 7-Mile Brethern J. B. Barefoot, B. F. and P. Wood, also Brother B. Koontz of Raleigh, N. C. From Little River: Elders Jesse Barnes and R. E. Johnson and Brothers R. F. Smith, R. D. Langdon, J. G. Smith and S. E. Williamson. From Salem: Brother A. H. Idol. From Upper County Line: Elders W. F. Pruett and F. F. Eggleton. From Mill Branch: Elder J. W. Brown, Harmon Brown and Tommie Brown.
5. Appointed on Arrangement Committee the following: J. S. Misenheimer, J. F. Burrus and Jason Eudy, with moderator and clerk.
6. That Elders J. R. Wilson, Jesse Barnes, H. B. Wilkerson and Lee Hanks preach at the stand on tomorrow. Service 10 a. m.
7. Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Monday. Benediction by the Moderator. Preaching at the stand in grove Saturday, p. m., by Elders Eggleton, Johnson and Wilkerson.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Preaching at the Stand today as follows: First by Elder J. R. .Wilson, Text 18 verse of 5 Chapter of Second Cor., followed by Elder Jesse Barnes, Text 1 verse of 3 Chapter of 1st John. Intermission one hour for dinner. Then Elder H. B. Wilkerson preached from these words, "The Spirit and the Bride Say Come," followed by Elder Lee Hanks, Text 14 verse of 7 Chapter, Solomon. Short admonition by the Moderator. The preaching was in unity and one accord and well received by an immense concourse of people.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 5

Reconvened in the house at 9:30, pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder Lee Hanks.

8. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

9. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and omitted reading Rules and Decorum.

10. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Brothers J. M. Taylor and J. F. Burrus attended Mill Branch and had good meeting.

11. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. No report, but received minutes from Fishers River, Silver Creek, Tennessee and Nolachuckey, Senter and Roaring River.

12. Then invited visiting ministers and brethren present to speak or give expressions of general conditions of our people. Elder Lee Hanks, Elder H. B. Wilkerson of Georgia, expressed their pleasure of being here with us. Then Brother Barefoot of Seven Mile expressed his pleasure of being here with our people, also on Saturday before Brother Smith spoke pleasantly for himself and the other brethren of Little River as being in accord with us. All these brethren were most welcome and their presence and interest much appreciated. Greetings of this nature was extended them by the Moderator.

13. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder H. Taylor reported that himself and Elder J. M. Bagwell Elders W. F. Pruitt and H. M. Williams formed a Presbytery at Union Grove Church, on second Sunday in December, 1923, and ordained Brother F. L. Baucom a deacon.

14. That this body return thanks to God and extend our kindest appreciation to this church and friends of the community for hospitality during this meeting.

15. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minutes. Benediction by the moderator. Preaching at the stand Monday by Elders M. L. Riner and W. F. Pruitt. Thus ended a most pleasant meeting and we hope we are thankful for the manifestations of the presence of God and the union and brotherly love which prevailed.

ELDER W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION, 1924

Bear Creek—H. L. Almond, J. A. Barbee, A. J. Furr.
Bethany—By Letter.
Concord—M. A. Helms,* J. F. Burrus, James Hinson*.
Clarks Grove—M. L. Lee, Jason Eudy.
Crooked Creek—L. W. Greene, L. L. Little, D. L. Williams.
Freedom—A. J. Deese.
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon, D. P. Dunn, C. C. Hall.
High Hill—Elder J. M. Bagwell, J. J. Hill, S. H. Edwards.
High Ridge—E. L. Griffin, Willie Helms, Levander Edwards.
Howards Chapel—M. F. Coble, S. B. Taylor, Arch Carpenter.
Jerusalem—W. H. Curlee, W. A. Helms,* H. F. Curlee.
Jones Hill—Walter Greene, J. A. Little, A. A. Morton.
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, Oscar Broom, Oscar Whitley.
Liberty Hill—A. A. Gilbert*, J. T. Criscoe*.
Lawyers Spring—F. A. Preslar, A. D. Horne, E. C. Jones.
Meadow Creek—Elder D. S. Jones, H. A. Williams.*
Mountain Creek—W. P. Almond, W. R. Morton, J. S. Misenheimer.
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, R. C. Perkins,* A. J. Helms.
Pleasant Grove—T. C. Griffin, T. A. Helms, E. Mullis.
Philadelphia—Foster Beam,* S. J. McKinney,* Julius Beam.*
Running Creek, W. T. Tucker, J. D. Eury, W. M. Almond.
Union Grove—A. E. Little, F. L. Baucom, T. F. Hill.
Watson—W. A. Hargett, Troy Simpson, Joel Mullis.

Absentees marked thus *

THE NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Held With the Church at Meadow Creek, Stanly County, North Carolina, June 20, 21, 22, 1924

Met at 11 o'clock. Introductory sermon delivered by Elder T. M. Broom. Text: First John, third chapter. Intermission one hour.

Met in the house; praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Williams.

1. Called for and read letters from the churches and their status minuted.

2. Elected Elder T. M. Standley, moderator, and E. L. Harwood, clerk; D. M. Hathcock, assistant.

3. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats; those present seated.

4. Appointed a committee of arrangements as follows—Elder T. M. Broom, W. E. Williams, L. C. Blackwelder, with moderator and clerk.

5. Appointed Brethren J. E. Russell, R. M. Hatley, committee on finance.

6. To preach at the stand tomorrow, Elders C. W. Safley, T. M. Broom, in the morning; W. E. Williams, T. M. Standley, in the evening.

7. Adjourned to 10 o'clock Saturday morning; dismissed by the moderator.

Saturday Morning, June 21.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder T. M. Broom.

8. Called on committee of arrangements to report. Report submitted, adopted and committee discharged.

9. The query sent up by the Jones Hill Church has been satisfactorily answered in our covenant—an agreement was adopted by the orderly Bear Creek Association in 1920.

10. Which covenant we publish in the minutes.

11. Call name of messengers; noted absentees.

12. To visit the different associations to upper country line, Elder T. M. Standley; Stanton River and lower country line, Elder T. M. Standley. Abbott's Creek, J. E. Russell, D. M. Hathcock, Elder W. E. Williams, Black Creek, D. M. Hathcock, E. L. Harwood.

13. Called on corresponding messengers to report; no report.

14. Called on Presbyteries; no report.

15. Called on finance committee reported sent up by the churches this year, $12.

16. That the clerk serve as treasurer and have 300 copies of these minutes distributed as usual.

17. That we hold one association each year and one Union.

18. Our next association be held with the church at Liberty Hill, ten miles west of Albemarle on the Albemarle and Charlotte highway to begin on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1925.

ELDER T. M. STANDLEY, Moderator.
E. L. HARWOOD, Clerk.

Churches	Clerks and Their Postoffices	Communion Sunday
Albemarle	E. L. Harwood, Albemarle Rt. 4, N. C.	3rd Sunday Aug.
Liberty Hill	D. F. Honeycutt, Oakboro, Rt. 2, N. C.	4th Sunday July
Jones Hill	J. S. Little, Oakboro, N. C.	.....
Mountain Creek	J. E. Russell, Albemarle, Rt. 2., N. C.	2nd Sunday Sept
Meadow Creek	D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, Rt. 2., N. C.	4th Sunday Aug.
Pleasant View	W. E. Williams, Monroe, N. C.	.....

Churches	Names of Messengers.
Albemarle	G. A. Hope, E. L. Harwood, W. L. Soloman.
Liberty Hill	L. C. Blackwelder, C. W. Safley, D. F. Honeycutt.
Jones Hill	R. M. Hatley, W. H. Harward, J. S. Little.
Mountain Creek	Amos Vanhoy, J. E. Russell.
Meadow Creek	J. W. Tucker, D. M. Hathcock.
Pleasant View	W. E. Williams, T. M. Broom.

Sent up by the churches this year $12 for printing these minutes. 6.00

ELDER T. M. STANDLEY, Moderator.
E. L. HARWOOD, Clerk.

COVENANT AND AGREEMENT

Art. 1. It is understood and agreed upon by the churches composing this Union that each church if it so chooses may send not more than three brethren with a letter, certifying their appointment; the number baptised during the year preceeding; received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter, excluded or died; also the total number in fellowship at the time of sending said letter.

2. It is understood that no church on becoming a member of this Union parts with or surrenders any of her rights, privileges, duties or responsibilities given her by the Great head of the Church, and made binding on her in the new testament.

3. It is further understood that all disciplinary power and right pertaining to membership or fellowship in the church belongs exclusively to the church or churches that this Union shall not assume the right to dictate to nor in any way interfere with the internal rights of the churches.

4. Any church of this Union may withdraw at pleasure either by letter or without it but in either case it will be expected that said church first give notice to the Union of her desire in this particular.

5. Any Church may be dropped from this Union compact by request of two or more churches but his nor any other act of the Union shall not of itself be regarded as officially importing or breaking church fellowship among the churches of this union nor the members of the churches; we regard all matters touching fellowship as belonging exclusively to the Church or churches and requiring their official action to make it valid.

6. This Union shall not form any alliance correspondence or relation with any institution, secret or otherwise, except to correspond with other Primitive Baptist Unions, the churches which are known to be of the same faith and order with the churches composing this union.

7. Churches petitioning for membership will be admitted on giving satisfactory evidence of their being of the same faith and order with the churches composing this union.

8. This Union being formed by the churches as their chosen method to cultivate acquaintance and promote unity and correspondence among Primitive Baptist of like precious faith and order and will have no other articles of faith than that which each church already has and which each member of this body has already endorsed and to which he is amenable in the church of which he is a member.

9. What ever may be the deficiency in the wording of this Union agreement nothing herein will be so construed as to imply that this Union is in any way a separate and distinct institution from the churches and no amendment shall ever be made constituting it a body separate from and independent of the churches of which it is composed.

10. The Union shall have a moderator and clerk of the body and it is agreed that the moderator and clerk of the church with which the Union convenes shall be the moderator and clerk of the Union in case of their absense the members present shall elect others to serve pro tem.

BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Meadow Creek, Stanly County, N. C.

October 4, 1924.

Assembled around the stand at 11 o'clock a. m. and Introductory Sermon preached by Elder W. C. Edwards, Text 23 verse of 27 Chapter of Acts. Intermission one hour for dinner. Then ministers and messengers present convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder R. V. Holleman, of Texas. Elder Edwards then took the chair and proceeded in our usual order.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. These were handed in and read by Brother H. M. Baucom, reading clerk. Then by motion all letters were approved and messengers seated.
2. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.
3. Invited messengers from corresponding sister associations to seats. Elders W. F. Pruitt and J. R. Wilson were present and stated that they of the original Staunton River desired correspondence with us which was granted and they seated also T. H. Bentley, W. A. Bentley and Elder H. M. Williams of Silver Creek.
4. Invited visiting ministers, brethren and sisters from sister associations to seats. The following were present: Brethren W. A. Nance and J. H. Wilson of Danville and Elders R. V. Holleman and L. J. Gresham of Texas and minutes from Silver Creek and Nolachuckey, Tennessee.
5. Appointed Brethren Elder B. L. Treece, Troy Simpson and M. F. Coble, with moderator and clerk as committee of arrangements.
6. Appointed Brethren H. M. Baucom and J. S. Misenheimer, Finance Committee.
7. That Elders R. V. Holleman, J. R. Wilson, L. J. Gresham and W. F. Pruitt preach at the stand on tomorrow. Service to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.
8. Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.. Preaching at stand Saturday evening by Elders Bagwell and Holleman.

SUNDAY SERVICES, OCTOBER 5

First by Elder R. V. Holleman, Text 23 to 38 verses of 10th Chapter of Luke, followed by Elder J. R. Wilson, Text, 1 and 2 verses of 5 Chapter 1 Cor. Intermission one hour. Then Elder L. J. Gresham preached from 21 verse of 15 Chapter of 1 Cor. Elder W. F. Pruitt then followed from these words: "Preach the Word." These services were well conducted and much enjoyed by large and attentive congregations.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6

Reconvened in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder L. J. Gresham.

9. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Renewed invitation to visiting ministers and brethren present to seats.

11. Called roll of messengers' names and noted absentees. Omitted reading rules.

12. Called on our corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. No report.

13. Called on corresponding messengers present from sister associations to report. Elder H. M. Williams reported peace in Silver Creek Association. Minutes from Silver Creek and Nolachuckey, Tennessee distributed.

14. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder B. L. Treece reported a Presbytery formed by himself and Elders S. G. Candill, A. G. Morton and some brother deacons at Flat Lake church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1924, and ordained Brother C. C. Hall a deacon. Also that himself and Elders L. J. Gresham and D. S. Jones with some deacons formed a Presbytery at Mountain Creek church on Saturday before fourth Sunday in August, 1924, and ordained Brother J. S. Misenheimer a deacon.

15. That for the present we suspend appointing corresponding messengers to sister associations, but invite all sound Primitive Baptist to meet with us in our meetings and that we continue to exchange minutes with those who desire same.

16. That we recommend that the church at Lawyers Spring take some such action as they may deem proper to see if possible to restore fellowship between the church at Danville and Elder J. R. Wilson and the

Mill church of Virginia and report the result of such effort to our next session.

17. The association accepted the new record book presented by the clerk and allowed four dollars to pay for same.

18. Treasurer reported funds left over last year $3.05.

19. Finance Committee reported sent up this year for minute fund and associational purposes $122.00.

20. That our surplus funds be apportioned out among ministers present by the clerk.

21. That our next spring session of this association convene with the church at Howards Chapel in Stanly County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1925. That Elder W. C. Edwards preach Introductory Sermon; Elder B. L. Treece, his alternate.

And the Annual or Fall Session be held with the church at High Ridge, Union County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1925, and that Elder B. L. Treece preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder W. C. Edwards, his alternate.

22. That the clerk superintend and have printed 1100 copies of these minutes and distributed as usual and that he have fifteen dollars of our funds for his services, and that he shall act as treasurer.

23. That we return thanks to God, this church and people of surrounding community for generous hospitality during this meeting. (Then read and approved of above minutes.)

24. Adjourned to time and places above mentioned in these minutes. Benediction by the Moderator. Preaching at the stand Monday by Elder L. J. Gresham and R. V. Holleman and closed by the Moderator

ELDER W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator, Wingate, N. C.
J. W. JONES, Clerk, Peachland, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, YEAR 1924

Sent up by the churches this year for associational expense and minutes	$122.00
Left over from last year	3.05
Total funds	$125.05

DISBURSEMENTS

For printing and mailing minutes	$45.00	
Allowance to clerk	15.00	
Distributed to ministers	57.00	
Pay for new record book	4.00	
Total paid out	$121.00	121.00
Left in Treasury		$ 4.05

MESSENGERS FALL SESSION, 1924

Bear Creek—J. A. Barbee, A. J. Furr, Levi Tucker.
Bethany—By Letter.
Concord—J. F. Burrus, M. A. Helms, J. M. Hinson.*
Clarks Grove—Robert Lee, Jason Eudy.
Crooked Creek—J. E. Benton, Luther Williams, L. W. Greene.
Freedom—A. J. Deese.
Flat Lake—C. C. Hall, D. P.. Dunn,* C. R. McLendon.
High Hill—Elder J. M. Bagwell, Philander Helms, W. M. Clontz.
High Ridge—Willie Helms, Lonnie Thomas, Elder W. C. Edwards
Howards Chapel—S. B. Taylor, M. F. Coble, Tommie Howard.
Jerusalem—W. E. Moore, Crawford Thomas, H. F. Curlee.
Jones Hill—Walter Greene, Virgil Whitley, A. A. Morton.
Liberty—John Whitley, Oscar Bıoom, Oscar Whitley.
Liberty Hill—A. A. Gilbert, J. T. Crisco, Festus Morton.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, W. A. Dry, H. M. Baucom..
Meadow Creek—Elder D. S. Jones, H. A. Williams.
Mountain Creek—J. S. Misenheimer, W. P. Almond, W. R. Morton.
New Zion—S. M. Underwood, W. M. Coley, W. A. Helms.
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Sam Rimmer, F. L. Helms.
Pleasant Grove—L. L. .Griffin, Perney Mullis, Elder J. F. Mills.
Philadelphia—F. N. Gardner, S. J. McKiney, Foster Beam.
Running Creek—W. T. Tucker, Elder W. R. Helms, J. H. McClure
Union Grove—F. P. Deese, S. D. Outen, G. C. Baucom.
Watson—W. A. Hargett, Troy Simpson, J. C. Rushing.

Absentees marked thus *

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1924

CHURCHES	By Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Bear Creek	1						20	$ 3.25
Bethany							2	3.25
Concord				1			18	4.00
Clarks Grove		2				1	16	5.00
Crooked Creek		1		1		1	17	3.50
Freedom							3	.25
Flat Lake	6					1	15	3.00
High Hill	2	3	1	1			48	5.00
High Ridge	1						30	3.15
Howards Chapel					3		26	7.35
Jerusalem	3					1	33	11.30
Jones Hill	2						22	3.00
Liberty				1			21	2.50
Liberty Hill	1			1			10	3.00
Lawyers Spring	2			1		2	54	20.00
Meadow Creek		2		1			11	5.00
Mountain Creek	1	1					20	5.00
New Zion						1	13	2.00
Pleasant Hill	3	3				1	26	5.00
Pleasant Grove	2			2	1	1	45	8.00
Philadelphia	1						22	2.10
Running Creek	2			2			28	5.00
Union Grove	13	2	1		6	2	33	8.10
Watson	1						25	4.00

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES, 1924

Communion

Sunday

Bear Creek—J. A. Barbee, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. . 1st in August
Bethany—Mrs. Fannie Safly, Rt. A, Wadesboro, N. C. 3rd in Aug.
Concord—M. A. Helms, Kannapolis, N. C. ..... 3rd in Aug.
Clarks Grove—Jason Eudy, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.. . 2nd in July
Crooked Creek—L. L.. Little, Unionville, N. C. .... 4th in July
Freedom—J. W. Deese, Rt. 6, Albemarle, N. C.
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon, Mt. Gilead, N. C. ... 4th in July
High Hill—W. M. Clontz, Rt. 1, Unionville, N. C. . . 1st in Sept.
High Ridge—J. B. Medlin, Rt. 1 Marshville, N. C. . 3rd in July
Howards Chapel—Arch Carpenter, Rt. 1 Norwood, N. C. 1st Sept.
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, Marshville, N. C. ..... 2nd in Aug.
Jones Hill—Walter Greene, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. . . 3rd in Sept.
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, Rt. 7, Monroe, N. C.
Liberty Hill—J. A. Barbee, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. 4th in July
Lawyers Spring—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C. . 1st in Aug.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, 309 W. 12th street
Salisbury, N. C. ..... 3rd in Aug.
Mountain Creek—J. S. Misenheimer, Rt. 2, Albemarle,
N. C. ..... 3rd in July
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C. . 2nd in July
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Rt. 2, Barber, N. C. 4th in June
New Zion—Sophie Helms, Rt. 1, Mooresville, N. C.
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, Ellenboro, N. C. ..... 4th in Aug.
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant
N. C. ..... 2nd in Aug.
Union Grove—A. E. Little, Unionville, N. C. ..... 2nd in Sept.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, Rt. 2, Unionville, N. C. ... 4th in May

NAMES AN ADDRESSES OF OUR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder J. F. Mills, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.

Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.

Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.

Elder B. L. Treece, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.

Elder W. R. Helms, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

Elder D. S. Jones, Stanfield, N. C.

Elder J. M. Bagwell, Monroe, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the application of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.